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In re Application of :  
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Title: TREATMENT OF NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS  
BY NEAR-DIAPHRAGMATIC NERVE STIMULATION

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This declaration is made in an original application for utility patent.

**Inventorship and Specification Identification**

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention set forth above, the specification of which was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on the date and designated by the serial number set forth above.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof.

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